

HOUSE BILL No. 1526

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 9-18.1.

Synopsis: Proof of vehicle registration. Removes the requirement that a decal or sticker issued by the bureau of motor vehicles must be displayed on a vehicle as proof of registration of the vehicle.

Effective: July 1, 2023.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 9-18.1-1-5, AS ADDED BY P.L.198-2016,
2 SECTION 326, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 5. "Proof of registration" includes
4 the following:

- 5 (1) A license plate.
- 6 ~~(2) A decal or sticker issued by the bureau to indicate registration.~~
- 7 ~~(3) (2) A certificate of registration.~~
- 8 ~~(4) (3) Any other indication of registration issued by the bureau~~
9 or the motor carrier services division of the department of state
10 revenue.

11 SECTION 2. IC 9-18.1-4-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.111-2021,
12 SECTION 17, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
13 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 4. (a) License plates shall be displayed on a
14 vehicle as follows:

- 15 (1) For a tractor, a dump truck, or a truck with a rear-mounted
16 forklift or a mechanism to carry a rear-mounted forklift or
17 implement, upon the front of the vehicle.



- 1 (2) Except as provided in subsections (c) and (d), for every other
 2 vehicle, upon the rear of the vehicle.
 3 (b) A license plate shall be:
 4 (1) securely fastened, in a horizontal and upright position that
 5 displays the registration expiration year in the upper right corner,
 6 to the vehicle for which the plate is issued:
 7 (A) to prevent the license plate from swinging;
 8 (B) at a height of at least twelve (12) inches from the ground,
 9 measuring from the bottom of the license plate; and
 10 (C) in a place and position that are clearly visible;
 11 (2) maintained free from foreign materials and in a condition to
 12 be clearly legible; and
 13 (3) not obstructed or obscured by tires, bumpers, accessories, or
 14 other opaque objects.
 15 (c) Subject to subsection (b), an interim license plate issued or used
 16 by a dealer licensed under IC 9-32 or used by a manufacturer must be
 17 displayed:
 18 (1) in the manner required under subsection (a) for the type of
 19 vehicle on which the interim license plate is displayed; or
 20 (2) in a location on the left side of a window that is:
 21 (A) facing the rear of the motor vehicle; and
 22 (B) clearly visible and unobstructed.
 23 A plate displayed under subdivision (2) must be affixed to the window
 24 of the motor vehicle.
 25 (d) A temporary license plate issued by the bureau must be
 26 displayed in the same manner as an interim license plate under
 27 subsection (c).
 28 (e) Upon the renewal of a registration under this article, a license
 29 plate other than a temporary license plate must display a renewal
 30 sticker:
 31 (1) that is securely affixed in the upper right corner of the license
 32 plate; and
 33 (2) that covers the previous registration expiration year.
 34 (f) (e) A person that violates this section commits a Class C
 35 infraction.

